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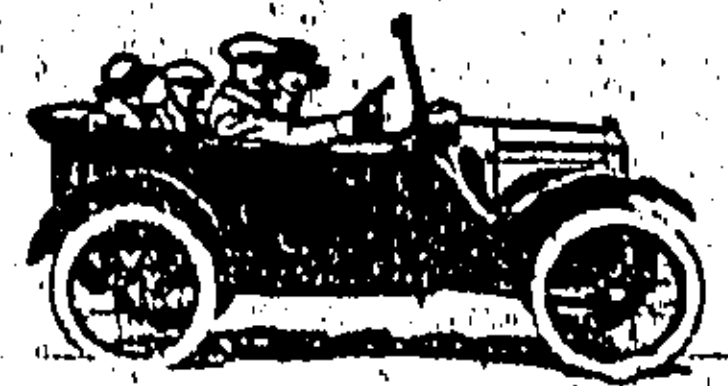
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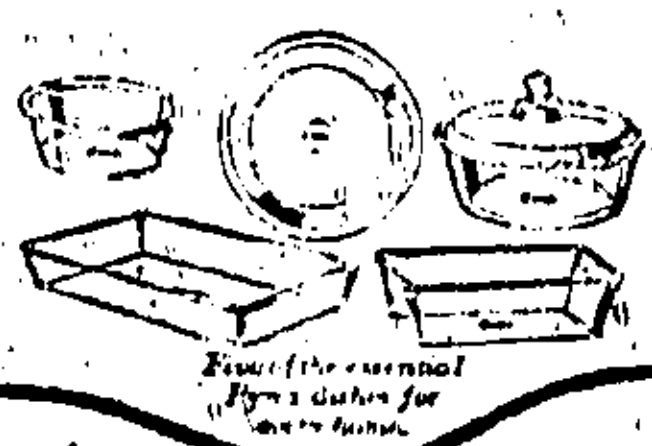
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COMING HERE.

PRINCE GEORGE'S VISIT.

OFFICIAL MISSION?

Hongkong And Its Welcome.

"Will it be as in the picture that Hongkong will have the pleasure of seeing His Majesty's youngest, surviving son, Prince George, on the occasion of his visit to Hongkong in a few months' time?"



This all depends on whether his visit to the Far East has been undertaken with a view to its being in the nature of a mission or whether in the course of his naval duties it has been thought advisable that a young son of a warship would be a good thing for the Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

It may be, if the Prince is but coming here in the course of his naval duties, and he has had a voice in the selection of the route by the board of officers, that it must not be assumed that he is able to dictate his own movements just as he pleases.

It was the King's express desire that Prince George, in the course of his naval life, should be accorded no special privileges of any kind and it has been accordingly of him on many occasions that he never by word or action or neglect of duty in any kind gives the slightest indication that he regards himself as any other than a "midshipman" who will have to prove his worth for every step he advances.

The Hongkong General Secretariat is still in the dark as to the nature of the Prince's visit. They have not even received official information that the tour is about to be made and therefore nothing can be done in the way of preparations for his reception here. There are stereotyped regula-

tions for the reception of their apparent, the "China Mail" was informed this morning, but whether they would have to be altered in any way if the Prince, travelling merely as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant it was difficult to say. In any event it would be for the civil community to say that in the nature of official receptions should be held. If a mission tour is contemplated it seems to be the opinion that a visit to Peking is almost sure to be made and Japan is likely to be included in the itinerary.

LATEST CRIME.

Pirates Murder Captive.

OTHERS IN DANGER.

RUTHLESS DEMANDS FOR RANSOM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakoi, Kowloon, Dec. 16.
Taken into captivity when the "Pai Lai" was pirated months ago, one of the passengers has been shot by the outlaws. His body was discovered last night, close to the wharf where Hongkong steamers berth. Nearby was a banner with an inscription purporting to emanate from fugitive ex-bandits of the "Pai Lai." This banner bore an inscription to the effect that if ransom for the other victims was not forthcoming quickly, they would meet a similar fate.

The banner was found about 200 yards from the much-frequented

EASY MONEY.

"RINGING THE CHANGES."

EUROPEAN SWINDLER.

Bank Notes Spirited Away.

"Several weeks ago Hongkong had in its midst a European shop-lifter. Now it has a European swindler."

"Ringing the changes," or "sleight of hand" as some may prefer to call it, is said to have been successfully worked by a middle-aged European at a Chinese book-store on Monday night when he victimized the stationer to the extent of \$40.

Entering the bookshop on Monday evening, a European picked out three books—on arithmetic, another a reader and the other on general information—for which he tendered a \$100 note in payment.

Usually the books were priced at \$2.80 but, as the shopkeeper

candidly admits, he made it \$3 this time and told the European \$9. As the assistant at the counter did not have sufficient \$5 and \$10 notes to tender change he took the \$100 note inside the office where the master gave him the equivalent in notes of smaller denomination. On going back to the counter the accountant handed the customer \$90 in \$5 and \$10 notes and a \$1 note.

Then the European, in the presence of the assistant, very deliberately counted his change twice—once by laying down each note separately and the second time by turning up the corners of the bank.

After this he began to demur as to the price and is alleged to have said that he would only pay \$5. When the master joined in the discussion the European dropped to \$4 whereupon it was agreed that the transaction should not be put through. Accordingly, the visitor handed back the three books and was given, in return, his \$100 note. He handed back his batch of smaller notes, which, to all appearances, had been in his hand all the time, and left the shop.

Their suspicions aroused because the bundle of notes seemed appreciably "thinner," the shopkeepers at once made a recount and found that the European had only handed back \$50 and the \$1 note, leaving a shortage of \$40.

The bookseller is at loss to explain the vanishing into thin air of his \$40 and the simultaneous departure of his dissatisfied client. He is of the opinion that the man must have been very clever at sleight-of-hand and that the missing notes went up his sleeve.

He describes the man as a European of about forty years of age and with traces of a dark beard.

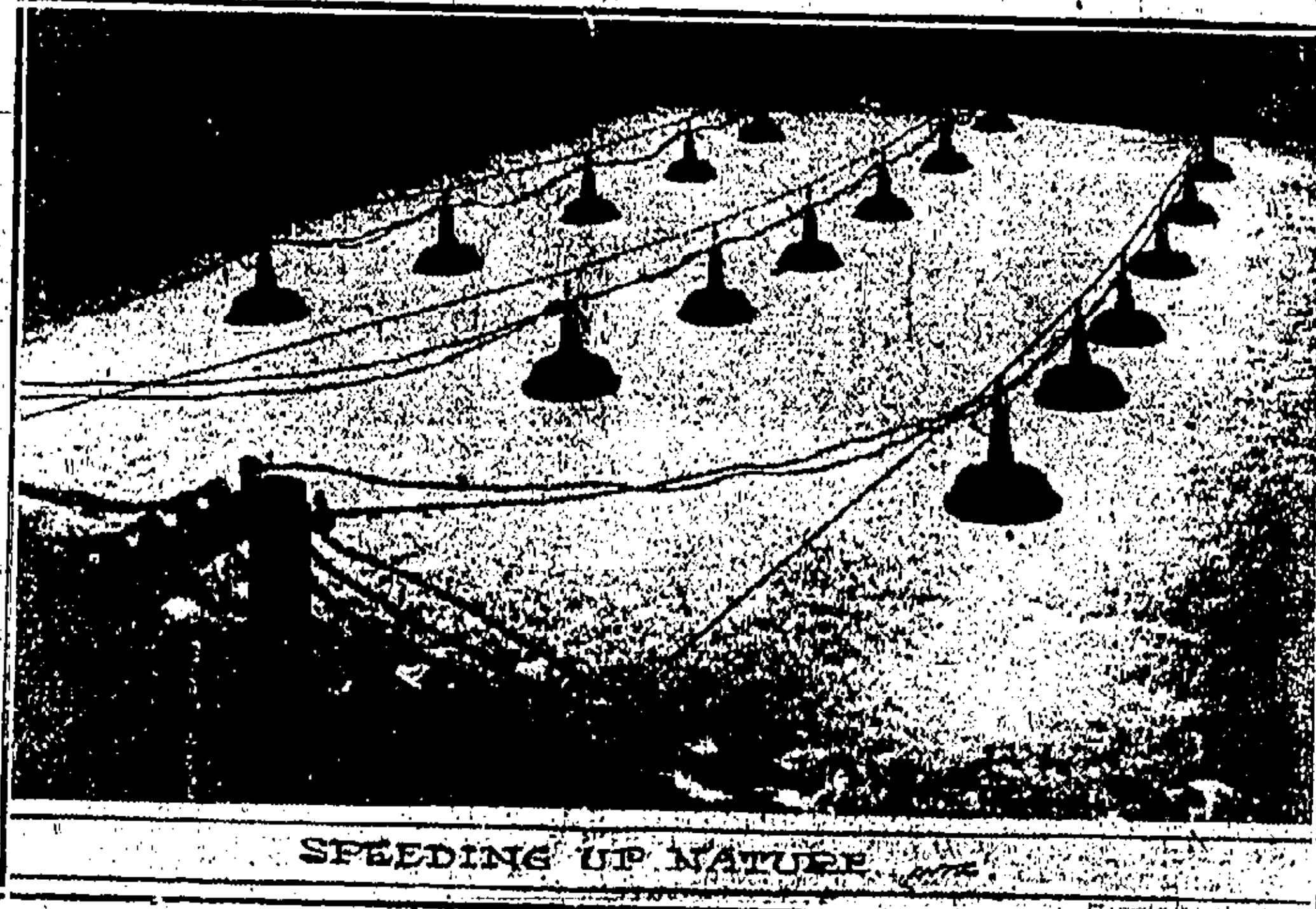
The shopkeeper adds it was his conjecture at first that the visitor wanted the books for a boy at school.

Government that certain aspects of the case newly brought to light should be considered and the order rescinded. It was claimed for the tenant that the landlord only wanted possession in order to be able to demand increased rent. The case was adjourned.

Our Kowloon correspondent writes to say that the new Police Commissioner at that city is Cheung Cho-wing. There has been much agitation in connection with the post.

Mr. Wen Shih-tsen, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Shanghai, has been notified that the Finnish Government has decided to establish a consulate in Shanghai and that this will be in the French Concession.

WILL FANLING COME TO THIS?



SPEEDING UP NATURE

This new golf green was put into use two months after it was seeded by the help of artificial light. The most difficult golf grass to grow was used, and twenty-four 1,000-watt lamps in reflectors were installed and burned five hours each night. It was found the club would save considerable money by speeding up nature, as the playing revenue for the six months saved easily offset the cost of the lighting.

NO SIGN YET.

MILITARY LANDS DELAY.

GOVERNOR'S REMARK

The half-joking remark made by His Excellency the Governor at the dinner held last night in celebration of Sir Henry Pollock's knighthood with regard to military lands brings the matter for a fleeting second once again before the public eye.

The removal of the military (when it does take place) will be in two sections—that of the Murray Barracks soldiers to Gun Club Hill and of the main cantonment to a site selected by themselves and which there is every indication will be at Lanchowok where preliminary investigations as to the suitability of the earth and rock for building purposes is still being made.

It might be mentioned that no decision has yet been made by the Government as to the manner in which the land left then available will be disposed of, but as the provision of the alternative accommodation for the military will not be made for some years that is not likely to become a vital question just yet.

wharf and in a busy part of this port. People were reading the characters on the flag, full of awe, for nobody knows who may be the next victim in this pirate-infested part of the delta.

Addressed to relatives and friends of the deceased, this warning read to the effect that his death was due to the delay in arranging terms of ransom.

The name of Pang Cheong, described as the "Pai Lai" boat-gain who fled from the ship after Captain Wilcox had been killed and two Indian guards shot down, on a trip up from Hongkong, appears on the banner but it is not known if he is still in league with the pirates.

A brother of the dead man is still in the bandit stronghold. If funds are not forthcoming immediately he will also be put to death so as to terrify the relatives of the kidnapped into paying quickly.

HONGKONG'S GOVERNOR.

SIR EDWARD STUBBS' TERM.

"TIME GETTING SHORT."

"My time here is getting short, I believe," was a remark which made his hosts and fellow guests at yesterday evening's event wonder if His Excellency the Governor had received any further intimation from the Secretary for the Colonies as to the request which has gone home from the unofficial members that his term of office here should be renewed.

On enquiring this morning the "China Mail" was informed that this was not so and His Excellency had in mind only the coming completion of the six years of service which usually marks the conclusion of a Governorship. It should be made quite clear that there is no definite period for which a Governor serves (reference to Hongkong and other Colonies records are all that are needed for proof of this) but six years has come to be looked upon as the usual period of service.

RENTS LAW.

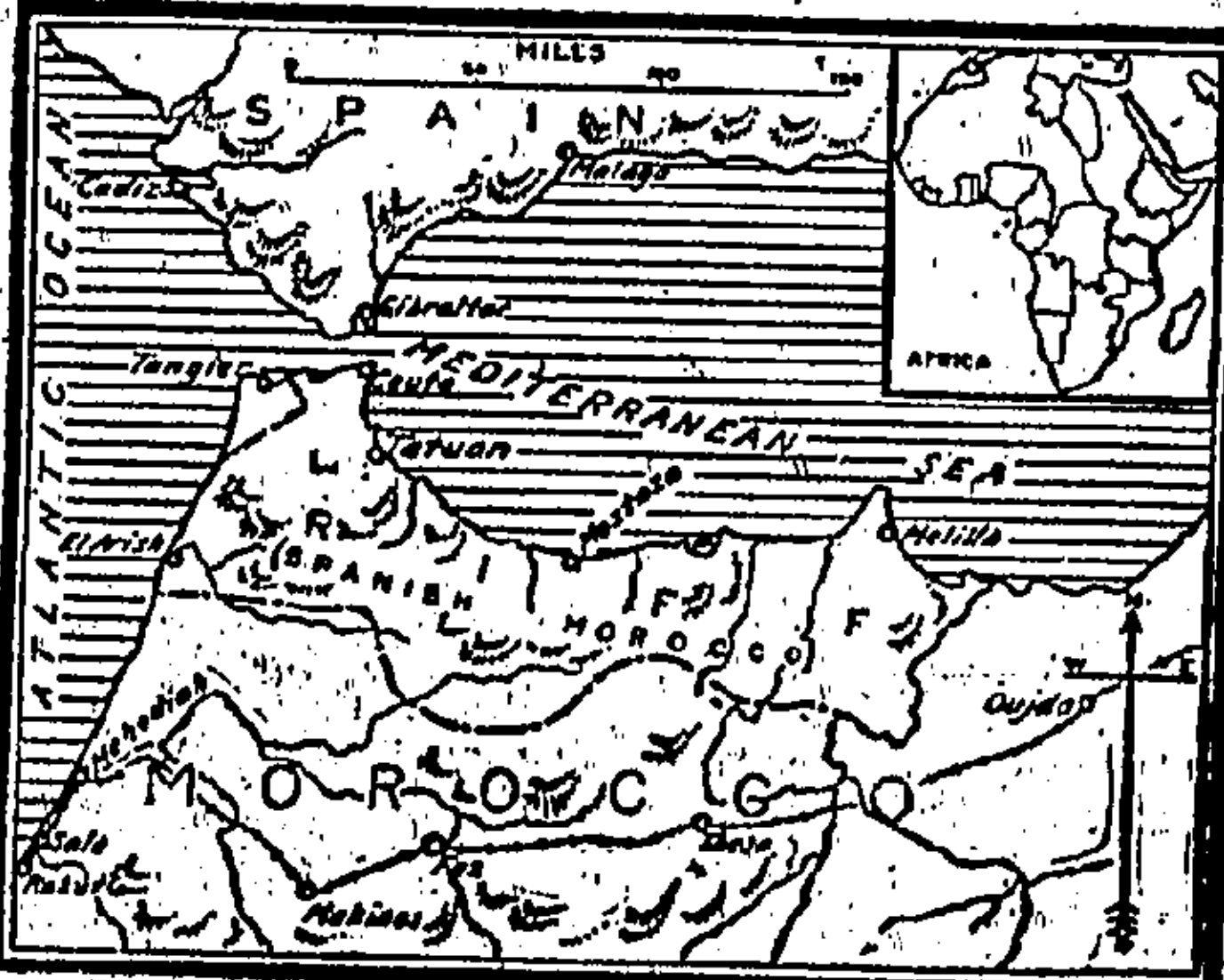
POWER TO EXEMPT HOUSES.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE.

A reversal of an order made by the Governor in Council has already been made in the Hongkong courts with regard to houses which had been exempted from the provisions of the Rents Ordinance and it is possible that an application for another to be made will shortly be before the court again.

Mr. E.S.C. Brooks appeared this morning to fight an application for possession of a house which was made before Mr. Justice H.H.J. Gompertz on behalf of the landlord by Mr. C.A.S. Russ. He said that he had made application to the

POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.



According to this morning's cables the tension between the Angera tribes between Tetuan and Tangier may cause international complications. French diplomats are confident that French troops are able to defend the Tangier zone from possible attack, but fear international entanglements, especially Italy, with the recent Tangier convention. The comment of the Paris newspapers carries a most anxious tone. They declare that Paris is in constant contact with Madrid.

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A. H. FERGUSON, Esq., Manager.
 Hongkong, May 9, 1924.

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HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Authorized Capital.....Fr. 75,000,000
 Paid-up Capital.....Fr. 68,000,000
 Reserve Funds.....Fr. 6,967,283.54

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
 Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. LECOT, Esq., Manager.
 Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

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Authorized Capital.....£3,000,000
 Subscribed Capital.....£1,000,000
 Paid-up Capital.....£1,000,000
 Reserve Fund.....£1,250,000

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
 INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum on daily balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

N. G. WILSON, Esq., Manager.
 7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, October 1, 1924.

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 Hankow, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Harbin, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Hongkong, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Kobe, London, Yokohama, etc.
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 Lyons, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Manila, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Peking, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Rangoon, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Shanghai, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Singapore, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Soerabaya, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Tientsin, London, Yokohama, etc.
 Yokohama, London, Yokohama, etc.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

No. 10, De Vaux Road, Central.

Established 1919.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
 PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....\$5,000,000

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 Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:
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 For 6 months at the rate of 4 1/2 per annum.
 For 12 months at the rate of 5 1/2 per annum.

KAN TONG PO, Esq., Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

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ESTABLISHED 1824.

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Authorized Capital.....G. 150,000,000
 Paid-up Capital.....G. 80,000,000
 Reserve Fund.....G. 23,048,000
 Special Reserve.....G. 23,048,000

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M. FITZ-HENRY, Esq., Manager.

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Capital Subscribed.....Yen 50,000,000

Capital (Paid-up).....Yen 51,500,000

Reserve Fund.....Yen 19,980,000

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FORMOSA: Keelung, Keelung, Keelung, etc.

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Z. YAMAMOTO, Esq., Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1924.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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(Specially Authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

Authorized Capital.....\$50,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital.....\$19,275,000.00

Reserve Fund.....\$9,575,000.00

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TSUYEY-PEI, Esq., Manager.

Hongkong, 27th Oct., 1924.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NAM PAK HONG PRICES.

FLOUR AND SUGAR MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis "usual guild terms," for "spot" goods, were as follows:

Java Sugar, per picul net:—
 No. 24 rough white.....\$ 9.80
 No. 24 fine white.....10.50
 No. 18 rough brown.....9.90
 Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.:—
 "XXX".....\$4.10
 "White Greens".....3.50
 "Kingfisher".....3.50

HONGKONG TRADE.

REPORT OF AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL.

In a report on the trade of Hongkong, U.S. Consul-General William H. Gale, states there appears to be an excellent opportunity for American shipping interests to secure a larger portion of the cargo and passengers being carried between San Francisco and Hongkong by placing on this run several fast steamers of about 10,000 tons with accommodation for about 100 passengers. The present service is inadequate to handle all of the carrying trade, and much of it is now being diverted to smaller and slower freight steamers, causing dissatisfaction among the shippers. A direct fast freight service between the Gulf and Atlantic ports of the United States and Hongkong would, in all probability, secure a large portion of the cargoes now being consigned to these ports in foreign ships.

HUKUANG BONDS.

SUDDEN FLUCTUATION IN NEW YORK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, December 16.

In the Stock Exchange the Hukwang Railway five per cent. bonds broke six points owing to Mr. Pierpont Morgan's announcement that the half-yearly coupons had not been paid, but later the bonds recovered two points, when the announcement added that inasmuch as there had been delays in payment in the past, it was hoped that the funds would be forthcoming later.

SHANGHAI MARKET.

HEALTHIER OUTLOOK IN MOST LINES.

Shanghai, December 13: A healthy tone has pervaded the markets during the past week, and it seems that there are better prospects ahead.

The inquiry for piece goods has continued, and while local prices are as yet below the Manchester parity, everything points to the possibility of a profitable spring trade.

In produce there is more likelihood of cargo being able to move in the interior, and in certain lines China values have come down. The undertone for silk is, however, weaker.

PIECE GOODS.

In the piece goods market many inquiries are being received from Ningpo, Tientsin, Tsingtao and the smaller River Ports, but owing to the political outlook Changsha and Hankow are for the time being quiescent. The offers received are meantime hardly high enough to meet what holders of cargo are generally prepared to accept, but this seems likely to be a temporary phase, as owing to the shortage of stocks and absence of future arrivals of cargo, the interior is bound to increase margins. A settlement of the political differences of the country would ensure a very good spring trade.

At the auctions prices were on the average steady. Yuenfong again increased their quantities, and in certain instances rates were lower than those prevailing last week. This was the case in Italian, but it is more than doubtful whether the increased quantities had anything to do with the question of price. Prices for this quality of piece goods are quite high at the moment, and especially at this time of the year a slight gap in demand is sufficient to create a reaction. The fact that there was only a slight reaction coupled with the circumstance that this and next week's auctions are the last due for payment before the end of the Chinese year, is a criterion of the strength of the market generally. Greys were good, the demand coming from the local areas as well as Ningpo and Tientsin. In this class of goods a steady rise of about a mace a week has been the order for over a month past. A good undertone was in evidence for all qualities of Whites, but limits throughout were rather sharp and comparatively little support was obtained from Korea. Dailynas have been good, the main feature being their general distribution. Tientsin showed an improvement in all classes of goods, but for reasons stated above the River Ports show slightly less activity.

FRENCH TRADE.

GENERAL INCREASE SHOWN IN RETURNS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 16.

The Havas Agency announces that France's imports during the first eleven months of 1924 amounted to 36,014,000,000 francs (52,000,000 tons), compared with 28,754,000,000 francs (50,000,000 tons) during the corresponding period of 1923.

The exports amount to 37,412,000,000 francs (27,000,000 tons), compared with 27,291,000,000 francs (22,000,000 tons) for the same period of the previous year.

The total subscriptions to the recent French internal loan amounted to 4,035,000,000 francs, without reckoning the subscriptions of late investors.

BRITISH DEBT.

AMERICA RECEIVES CASH PAYMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, December 16.

Britain yesterday paid a half-yearly installment of \$91,000,000 against her debt to America. It is the first occasion in which an installment has been paid in cash instead of in Liberty Bonds, as the latter are now at a premium.

SILK SHIPMENT.

Silk forwarded from here by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" on November 30, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on December 13, having been 23 days in transit.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M. DECEMBER 17.

Bank Shares Exchange.

H.S.B.C. T.T. on selling rate London.....2/4

and on 5th a/c.....\$7 1/2

Hongkong Bank 1170 b. & a. London—2138 b.

Chartered Bank.....12 1/4 b.

P. & O. Bank.....110 b.

East Asia Bank.....110 b.

Maritime Bank.....110 b.

do.....110 b.

Marine Insurance.....730 b.

Canton Insurance.....140 b.

North China Insurance.....140 b.

Union Insurance.....140 b.

Insurance Co. Yangtze.....140 b.

China Underw.....140 b.

Far Easterns.....140 b.

Fire Insurance.....140 b.

China Fire Insurance.....140 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance.....140 b.

Shipping.....58 b.

H.K. Steamships.....58 b.

Indo-China (Ref.).....58 b.

do (Ref.).....58 b.

Shell Transport.....58 b.

Star Line.....58 b.

Hongkong Tea and Lighter.....58 b.

Oriental N.Y. Co.....58 b.

Refineries.....58 b.

China Sugar.....58 b.

Malayan Sugar.....58 b.

Mining.....58 b.

Kailan Mining Adm.....58 b.

Langkate.....58 b.

Shanghai Loans.....58 b.

Shai Exploration.....58 b.

Sung Langkate.....58 b.

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Trough Mines.....58 b.

Ural Casp.....58 b.

Benquet Con.....58 b.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.....58 b.

H. & K. Wharves.....58 b.

H. & W. Dock.....58 b.

Shai Docks.....58 b.

New Engineering.....58 b.

H. K. Engineering.....58 b.

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BIRTH.

DAVIES.—On December 12, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
William S. Davies, a daughter.

DEATH.

DINGLE.—On December 5, at
Chaotung, Yunnan, Dr. Lilian
M. Dingle (née Grandin) of
the United Methodist Mission.

Hongkong, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1924.

HONGKONG'S WELFARE.

Although we share His Excel-
lency the Governor's sentiment
about after-dinner speakers, we
must agree that the speeches
made last night, when the Hon.
Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., was
entertained by his Chinese friends,
were both appropriate and enter-
taining. Besides paying fitting
tribute to the principal guest, who
was to be congratulated alike for
the knighthood recently conferred
upon him by the King and for the
fact that yesterday he celebrated
his sixty-first birthday, the
speeches made last night touched
upon several aspects of the
Colony's welfare, which deserve
more than passing notice. Fore-
most among these was the value of
Anglo-Chinese co-operation. After
dwelling upon the progress that
has been made since his first arriv-

ed here thirty-six years ago, pro-
gress which he rightly described as
"simply wonderful," Sir Henry
Pollock said that the guiding force
had been the spirit of harmony
which had united the Chinese and
the British people, and he was
confident that through this same
agency we shall yet see even
greater triumphs than we have
witnessed in the past. These
views were seconded by the other
speakers. Last night, the Hon.
Mr. R. H. Kéwell extending
his definition of Anglo-Chinese
co-operation to include social
amenities, and Sir Edwards
Stubbs, who spoke next, stating
definitely that the spirit of
co-operation is the one great
factor in the prosperity of Hong-
kong. Everyone who follows local
events at all closely knows how
true are these words. But for all
that they cannot be repeated too
often. Sir Edward Stubbs pre-
dicted that the Colony will be able
to do, administratively and
financially, a very great deal dur-
ing the next few years. Doubtless
with every reason he was taking
for granted that the spirit of
co-operation will continue. Cer-
tainly while he remains Governor
here and while our public men,
European and Chinese, are of the
present broad-minded type, there
is no reason why it should not
continue; no reason, indeed, why
it should not develop still further
as well. That it will develop still
further must be the wish of
everyone who has the Colony's
interests at heart. Sir Henry
Pollock's survey last night of the
progress that has been made
during his twenty-three years in
the Colony shows what can be
done; Sir Edward Stubbs' allu-
sion to "the great scheme of work
before us" indicates what we hope
will be done; and it only remains
for events to dwarf both visions,
and great as the Colony is to-day,
great as we believe it will be soon,
to make it greater still!

Handicapping China Ponies.
A correspondent, writing to the
"North China Daily News" on the
subject of handicapping China
ponies, complains that the lower
weights allotted are, as a general
rule, so low that riders cannot
make the weight. He instances
the case of a 12.3 pony "getting

in" at 15lbs. less than weight for
inches—that is 134lbs. when the
"good ponies are carrying from
8lbs. to 5lbs. over weight for
inches." For the sake of argument
we will strike a happy medium and
presume the best performer is
13.1. We must allot him 5lbs.
over weight for inches, which
brings his impost to 160lbs. To
carry the correspondent's argu-
ment to a logical conclusion one
must infer that he would like to
see bottom weight 145lbs. This
will necessitate raising the top
weight to 171lbs. The consequence
is we have top-weight carrying
16lbs. above weight for inches,
while the bottom weight has an
impost of 4lbs. less than weight
for inches. In other words, the
good performer is asked to
shoulder all the burden of the
handicapper's attempt to "bring
the ponies together." The Hong-
kong Handicapper, Mr. Dow-
biggin, has made a point of never
asking a pony to carry more than
10lbs. over weight for inches
except in the case of the Great
Metropolitan Handicap, on April
21, when Spotted Sand was
allotted 167lbs. (12lbs. over
weight for inches), the bottom
weight being Mountain Hawk with
140lbs. Mr. Dowbiggin's system
has worked fairly well on the
whole and the top-weight has not
invariably won. It must always
be remembered that while it is
difficult to stop certain ponies even
with weight within reason, there
are always a certain number of
ponies entered who could not win
if they were turned "loose" as the
saying goes. The judicial classi-
fying of ponies, to our mind, is of
far greater importance than try-
ing to allot poundage to suit the
light-weights.

Brokers' Commissions.

By the confirmation on Novem-
ber 3 of one of the rules of the
London Stock Exchange, a broker,
at his discretion, may now
charge one commission for buying
or selling the same security in the
same account or in the following
account. Probably some people
will object to this on the ground
that it will encourage speculation.
It does not necessarily follow that
it will, but if the alteration has
the effect of making for freer
markets and enabling the public
to buy and sell at closer prices
than before, the departure is to
be welcomed and might with
advantage be put into practice in
Hongkong if it is not already in
force. The financial Editor of
"Truth" is in favour of the new
rule and considers many members
of the public will be glad of a
longer run for their money. He
also sees the possibility of "this
concession proving to be an
encouragement of business of a
non-gambling character. At the
same time, he points out that all
of us do not want to contango
stock. Some of us do not under-
stand the procedure, though we
may have a vague idea that the
contango payment may wipe out
much of the profit derived from
a fortunate purchase. It often
happens that investors—specula-
tive investors, if you like—take
the view that a certain security
will enjoy a fair rise within a
comparatively short period—say,
the duration of a Stock Exchange
account. They pay for the stock
bought, and if the expected rise
did not occur in the first fort-
nightly account they would prob-
ably be glad to hold the stock for
another fortnight if they were
only charged the one commission
for the whole period. He is
assuming that the broker would
exercise his discretion of making
only the one charge, for the ten-
dency is for minimum rates to
become the maximum rates. If
investors of the speculative type
recognised the possible advantage
to them of the new order of things,
he is confident that business of
the kind indicated would increase
considerably, and possibly it might
result in a diminution of contango
operations. Broadly speaking, the
"Truth" writer considers that
brokers' commissions are too high,
and that if they were reduced
there would be a greater public
interest in markets.

GOVERNMENT POSTS.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO HONGKONG.

During the month of October,
the following appointments were
made by the Secretary of State
for the Colonies to the Govern-
ment service in Hongkong:—
Police Probationer.—Mr. W. J.
B. Sparrow.
Assistant Mistress.—Miss E. M.
Hughes.
Kindergarten Mistress.—Miss
A. S. Fraser.
Nursing Sister.—Miss F. M.
Huxtable.
Medical Officer.—Lieutenant I.
Newton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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be worn. It contains no needles and
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NOT AGGRESSIVE.

SINGAPORE BASE NEEDS.

POLICY OF INSURANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16.
In a speech at a luncheon here
to-day, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman
(First Lord of the Admiralty),
referring to the Singapore base,
declared that nothing could be
further from the truth than the
suggestion that the scheme was
aggressive.

Policy Of Defence.

We desired to retain
the very valuable friendship of
the United States and Japan. He
was sure American and Japanese
statesmen did not regard the pro-
vision of a base as any kind of
aggressive policy; but a policy of
defence leading to greater effi-
ciency and economy in the Navy.
It was simply a measure of insur-
ance.

There was no cloud on the
horizon as far as we could see at
present, but nobody could foretell
the future and we must be pre-
pared for any unexpected turn of
events.

Speaking at Oswestry, Mr.
Bridgeman stated that the Cabinet
had agreed to allow him to start
upon the Singapore base. It was
most essential if they had to rely
on the present smaller navy that
they have a base where capital
ships could be repaired, instead of
having to come home wasting time
and money.]

United States Navy.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, December 16.
President Calvin Coolidge, in a
statement to-day, said he desired
for America a Navy adequate for
the defence of the country only,
without respect to steps taken by
other nations.

He deemed a Congressional
enquiry into the condition of the
Navy unnecessary, as the annual
investigations in connection with
the Navy Appropriation Bill were
sufficient.

[The American correspondent
of the "Sunday Times" discussing
the "rather ambitious new naval
programme" of the United States,
says there is no denying that
lurking anxiety over the immin-
ence of a clash with Japan is
responsible for the growing de-
mand for increased naval approp-
riations. Britain's revival of the
Singapore base project has given
an impetus to this demand.]

Japan's Views.

(Courtesy, "Daily Bulletin.")

Tokyo, December 16.
General Itami, Chief of the
Intelligence Bureau of the Gen-
eral Staff, in the course of an in-
terview, asserting that Japan
officially has no concern with the
American manoeuvres, said:—
"We have never looked upon the
manoeuvres as being unfriendly
towards Japan, because every
country is doing the same,
the necessity for defence justify-
ing such measures."
General Itami further declared
that an American-Japan war was
tactically and strategically im-
possible.
General Itami expressed the
opinion that, in spite of the wild
talk, American-Japan contacts
were becoming closer, because
each needs the other.

INSPECTOR MURPHY.

FALLS FROM SECOND FLOOR.

CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

A distressing accident befell
Sub-Inspector James Murphy at
about 1 a.m. yesterday when he
dropped from the second floor
verandah of the Central Police
Station building on to the com-
pound, sustaining severe injuries.
Sub-Inspector James Murphy is
one of the officers specially detail-
ed to supervise search work in
connection with the Piracy Preven-
tion Ordinance. He is reported to
have returned to his quarters at the
Central Police after his round at
about midnight on Monday, and
at the time of the accident he
was dressed in pyjamas. The
cause of the accident can only be
attributed to a habit which the
Sub-Inspector is reported to have
had of walking in his sleep.

Condition Serious.

The Sub-Inspector was picked
up in a semi-conscious condition
immediately after his fall, and
removed to the Government Civil
Hospital. In addition to several
minor injuries, it is believed that
the Sub-Inspector has hurt his spine.
On enquiry at the hospital at 11 a.m.
to-day, the "China Mail" was
informed that there is no change
to report and the condition of the
patient is still very serious.

Sub-Inspector James Murphy has
two brothers in the Force. One is
Detective Inspector T. Murphy of
Yammat, and the other is
Sub-Inspector John Murphy of
Wanchai.

SUICIDE PACT.

SINGAPORE CORONER'S VERDICT.

HUSBAND HELD GUILTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, December 16.
The verdict in the Coroner's
enquiry in the death of Mrs. U. G.
Richards was given to-day. The
finding was that Mrs. Richards had
committed suicide by taking
veronal.

The husband was found guilty
of abetment. He took veronal but
recovered after treatment in
hospital.

[Note. It will be remembered
that Mr. and Mrs. Richards,
through financial embarrassment,
had both determined to end their
lives, according to a letter sent to
Mrs. Richards' father, notifying
him of their intention. On receipt
of the letter he hastened to the
Richards' home and had them both
removed to hospital. Mrs.
Richards died the following
morning, but Mr. Richards re-
covered.]

WAR DEBTS.

BRITAIN'S EXAMPLE CITED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 17.
In the House of Representatives,
Mr. Crisp, a member of the Ameri-
can debt funding commission, an-
nounced that no official concrete
proposal for the funding of the
French war debt had been broach-
ed up to the present, but the
commission hoped such would
materialise, as it was desirous of
negotiating a settlement.

Mr. Crisp expressed the opinion
that the funding arrangements
with Britain should be the basis
of the agreements with other
debtor nations.

An animated debate ensued as
regards the British attitude towards
the settlement of inter-Allied
debts.

TRADE UNIONISM.

BRITISH DELEGATES LEAVE FOR HOME.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, December 16.
The members of the British
Trade Union delegation headed
by Mr. A. A. Purcell, former
President of Manchester Trades
Council, have left Leningrad for
England. Before their departure
they were presented with
addresses by the Headquarters of
the Soviet Unions, hoping for an
early attainment of unity in the
labour movement.

U.S. DEBT FUNDING.

LIFE OF COMMISSION EXTENDED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 26.
The Senate has passed a Bill,
extending the life of the American
Foreign Debt Funding Commission
for two years.

PRESIDENT MONROE.

SAILS 5 P.M. ON MONDAY.

The Dollar Steamship Liner
"President Monroe" is due to
arrive at this port from Shanghai
at 2 p.m. on Sunday—December
21. She will sail for Mediter-
ranean ports, Boston, New York
and Havana at 5 p.m. on Decem-
ber 22 (Monday) and not at 8 a.m.
December 23, as originally sched-
uled.

MOTOR SMASH.

In a collision between motor
cycle No. 155, driven by a
European, and motor car No. 602
at Garden Road near the Military
Detention Barracks yesterday, the
driver of the motor car was injured
in the leg and had to be sent to the
Government Civil Hospital.

ARMED ROBBERS.

An armed robbery occurred
about 9 o'clock this morning at
No. 76, Stone Nullah Lane.
Details of the robbery were not
available at time of going to press,
but it is reported that four men
were concerned, three of whom
were armed with revolvers.

MORE DOG BITES.

A Chinese named Au Yung has
been bitten in both legs yesterday
by a dog said to belong to Mr.
A. S. MacKichan. The animal
was removed to Kennedy Town and
be kept under observation.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK. CELEBRATION OF HIS KNIGHTHOOD. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. CHINESE FRIENDS THE HOSTS.

To celebrate the recent knight-hood of Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., a large and distinguished gathering assembled at the Hong-kong Hotel Roof Garden, yesterday evening. Unknown to those who made the arrangements, the day, it was disclosed in the course of the evening, was also that on which Sir Henry celebrated his 61st birthday.

Amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor and the General Officer Commanding. The hosts were Sir Henry's Chinese friends and the senior Unofficial Chinese member of the Legislative Council, Mr. Chow Shou-son, was in the chair. The full list of those present is as follows:—

The Guests.
Principal Guest.—The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C.; Other guests: His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G., H.B.E., Vice-Admiral Sir Allan F. Everett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., H.B.E., Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., K.C., C.B.E., Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.C.B.E., C.M.G., L.L.D., The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, The Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, The Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. R. H. R. Vado, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. B. D. F. Beth, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. Paul Lander, Mr. J. Owen-Hughes, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., Mr. Elton, Potter, K.C., Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., Captain R. A. R. Neville, R.M.L.L., Mr. T. J. Gaisford St. Lawrence, Flag-Lieut. E. Dangerfield, R.N., Lieut. Searle, Paymaster Lieut. E. B. T. Churcher.

The Hosts.
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., L.L.D., Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Chau Siu-ki, Mr. Au Long-hin, Mr. Chan Hui, Mr. Chan Kam-po, Mr. Chan, Pih-chun, Mr. Chan Shu-ming, Mr. Chan Tin-son, Mr. Chan Chung-ping, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Chan Tung-sung, Mr. Chan Yee-ting, Mr. Choy Chong, Mr. Foo Yick-pang, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Ho Ju, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. H. K. Hung, Mr. Ip Wing-cho, Mr. Kan Ying-po, Mr. Ko Leung-wo, Mr. Kwok Chun, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Kwok Shiu-lau, Mr. Lai Man-wai, Mr. Lau King-cho, Mr. Lau Tak-po, Mr. Lau Yuk-wan, Mr. Leung But-yu, Mr. Leung Kich, Mr. Leung Wing-cheung, Mr. Li Chor-son, Mr. Li Kit-cho, Mr. Li Koon-chun, Mr. Li Ping, Mr. Li Po-kwai, Mr. Li Sing-kui, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Mr. Li Yau-chun, Mr. Li Lau-tsun, Mr. Li Yik-mul, Mr. Li Ying-cho, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. Lo Chung-kue, Mr. Lo Chung-wan, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. Look Poon-shan, Mr. Ma Chi-lung, Mr. Ma Tsiu-chiu, Mr. Mok Ching-kong, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Ng Tsang-luk, Mr. Pui Tsu-ye, Mr. Pong Wai-ling, Mr. Poon Pui-yue, Mr. San Sing-sam, Mr. Sum Pak-ming, Mr. Tang Chi-gong, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. To Sze-tuen, Mr. Tong Hok-ling, Mr. Tse Ka-po, Dr. S. W. Tso, L.L.D., Mr. H. K. Woo, Dr. T. P. Woo, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Wong Kwong-ting, Mr. Wong Oi-kut, Mr. Wong Pak-son, Mr. Wong Ping-suen, Mr. Wong Tak-kyong, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Wong Yun-tong, Mr. Yik Ki-chow, Mr. Yu Wai-pan, Mr. Yuen Man-chuen, Mr. Yung Tsz-ming and Mr. Fung Kung-un.

"The Principal Guest."
The toasts of The King and The Republic of China having been honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of the principal guest and said in part: "This happy gathering is the manifestation of the very high esteem and regard which the Chinese have cherished for our honoured guest. (Applause.) What has endeared Sir Henry to the general community of Hongkong is the example of unselfishness and devotion to duty which he has set by dedicating his talents and the best part of his life to the public service of the Colony. (Hear, hear.) His worth has been shown in the manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties of the many responsible offices which he has held during his thirty-seven years of active career in Hongkong. Whether he was performing the duties of a Police Magis-

trate, or Police Judge, or Attorney-General, or of Unofficial member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, he was ever painstaking, thorough, and absolutely impartial. (Applause.) "During the years that I have been on the Legislative Council, I have come into frequent and close contact with him, and I have learned to respect him for his public spirit, his singleness of purpose, and his readiness at all times to sacrifice his time not only in the interest of the Colony, but also of private individuals who seek his help. Sir Henry is indeed the champion of the 'under-dog.' The poor and needy can always be assured of his sympathetic hearing and unflinching assistance. He takes a lively interest even in the dumb animals, being President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Gentlemen, we are indeed proud of such a friend and fellow citizen, and proud of the honour which His Majesty the King has conferred on him. (Applause.)

I must not close without mentioning the good lady who has been Sir Henry's help-mate and collaborator in his good work so many years—Lady Pollock. (Applause.) Those who have known Lady Pollock know that her heart cherishes benevolence towards all humanity, and that her the Colony owes much for the yeoman services which her husband has rendered to it."

Sir Henry's Reply.
Replying to the toast, "Sir Henry referred to the presence of the gathering of distinguished hosts and guests as the biggest honour which had been done him in his life. "When I reflect upon the fact that I have been fortunate enough to be a member of the Legislative Council for no less than a period of twenty-two and a half years, partly as an Official member acting as Attorney-General, and partly as an Unofficial member of Council, I am altogether only too conscious that I have not made sufficient use of the opportunities I have had. But, gentlemen, the very kind reception that you have been good enough to give me this evening, will act as an incentive to me in an endeavour to do better work in the future than I have done in the past.

You have been good enough, Sir, to include in the toast the health of my wife, and you have only spoken truly when you said that she had been of the greatest assistance to me in my labours. Lady Pollock has always taken the greatest interest in public matters in this Colony, and as I say, she has been a very great help to me at all times, and not least in curbing what you were good enough to describe just now as my 'fighting' qualities. (Laughter.)

Sir Henry referred to the great changes which had taken place in the Colony during his residence of thirty-six and a half years, which he described as simply wonderful. "I confess I am an optimist and I see no reason why in the course of the next 36 years we should not see equally big progress in this Colony as we have seen hitherto. (Applause.) You ask me to what I attribute the great progress already made, and I think I can express it in two words—Anglo-Chinese co-operation. (Applause.) It is the spirit of harmony which has united the Chinese and the British people. It has enabled the wonderful things that have come to pass in my time to be accomplished, and I have the utmost confidence that that spirit will continue in the future and that we shall yet see greater triumphs in the days to come than we have witnessed in the past."

Mr. R. H. Kotewall proposed the toast of "Our Other Guests." He said: Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Sir Henry Pollock, and gentlemen,—"You do not need to be assured that the duty I am discharging is most grateful to me, for I feel that in the social history of this Island it has not been given to many to propose the health of so distinguished a body of men as our guests of the evening. First in the galaxy is our highly esteemed Governor, whose gracious presence is regarded by us not only as a compliment to our principal guest, but also as another proof of His Excellency's goodwill towards the Chinese. (Hear, hear.) Knowing as I do, as we all do, how assiduously His Excellency shuns publicity, I will not dwell upon his personal qualities; but I cannot forbear mentioning one special faculty of which he is the power to see things with the 'eye of the mind'—a power we call intuition. Let me give you an example. You all know that this is the sixteenth day of the month; you all know it is Tuesday; perhaps you also know that the date was chosen by His Excellency for this dinner. But you do not know, as His Excellency himself did not know when

he fixed the date, that it is Sir Henry Pollock's sixty-first birthday. What a happy choice which makes the day a double event for our esteemed and honourable friend. (Applause.) I can tell you that this has given much pleasure to Sir Henry, and we should accordingly be grateful to His Excellency. "By the way, I should like to mention that His Excellency next month celebrates his silver jubilee of service—25 years—under the Imperial Government, and let us hope he will serve for another 25 years before he takes his pension. (Applause.) Though we have already drunk Sir Henry's health, I am sure that under this very special circumstance you will wish to drink once more to his long life and prosperity. May he live long to enjoy the esteem of the community, and to give plenty more work to the Clerk of Council! Gentlemen, Sir Henry Pollock! (Applause.)

A Plea For Anglo-Chinese Co-operation.

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall proceeded: I will now return to my theme—"Our Other Guests." My fellow-hosts and I feel highly honoured and delighted to have with us this evening, besides His Excellency the Governor, the gallant representatives of our Army and Navy; the learned Judges of the Supreme Court; the senior officials of our splendid Civil Service; the popular "Commissioner of Chinese Customs; and leading lights of the Bar, and of the British business community. To all these gentlemen, as to His Excellency the Governor, we extend a hearty welcome; and we also thank them for having so cordially joined with us in doing honour to Hongkong's new Knight—Like Sir Henry Pollock, I am a firm believer of Anglo-Chinese co-operation, and Anglo-Chinese social amenities. (Applause.) I hope that in future there may be more of such friendly gatherings as this, which should do a lot of good. (Hear, hear.) In this little outpost of His Majesty's Empire, Fate has united the British and the Chinese races in a fellowship of common interests; and I feel that the welfare of that fellowship can best be promoted and fostered by social functions in which the two peoples can mingle freely, and in a spirit of friendly intercourse. (Applause.) The smiling faces around these tables proclaim that that spirit pervades this gathering to-night. And it is in that spirit also that I now raise my glass, and call upon my fellow-hosts to drink deep and heartily with me to the health of Our Other Guests, associating with the toast the name of our liberal-minded and level-headed Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs. (Applause.)

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor also spoke and said that Sir Henry described himself as an optimist. "I feel I also have some claims to that qualification or vice—which ever you regard it—as I think it possible that by the time Sir Henry celebrates his 122nd birthday we may see our friends the military moved on to the mainland. (Laughter.) I confess that I also cherish the hope that we may see a continuity of the harbour line, which is now broken by the Naval yard, from east to west. (Hear, hear.)

But I confess that even if I serve for another 25 years, which Mr. Kotewall has rather unkindly permitted, I do not feel in spite of my optimism, any great confidence that it will have taken place by then. But at least I know that within the next few years we shall see very great improvements in the Colony. Whether I shall be here to see them is another matter. We have a great scheme of work before us, and I think we can see our way financially and administratively to do a great deal within the next few years. As Mr. Kotewall has said, this is the result of co-operation of the Chinese with the British here.

My time here I believe is getting short, and I should like to call attention to what I said on my first public appearance on the day I landed, that I hoped to receive from all classes of the community that co-operation to which I had been accustomed in other spheres. I wish to say now, I have received that co-operation from my colleagues in Council, both European and Chinese, and that the spirit of co-operation is the one great factor in the prosperity of Hongkong, of which we are so proud, and the development of which we do our best and hope for. Gentlemen, I can only express again our thanks to the Chinese community for giving us this opportunity of being present as their guests to do honour to Sir Henry Pollock. (Applause.)

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CRICKET. ARMY VERSUS NAVY FIXTURE.

THIS MORNING'S PLAY.

The annual cricket match between the Army and Navy is being played to-day. Major Hattersley Smith won the toss and sent the Navy in first.

Jotham and Evans scored 16, when the latter was bowled by Walker. Stephenson stayed with Jotham till the total had reached 24. Wauchope and Jotham carried the score to 68, when Jotham was out b.w. for a clean display of 31, though he might have been c & b Walker early in the innings. Nicholson stayed with Walker till the telegraph registered 97. Four runs later, Wauchope's fine innings of 43 came to an end, after which the bowlers had matters their own way, the innings closing for 126.

Rowe took 4 wickets for 19, Gifford 3 for 24 and Jacob 2 for 31. The Army were without the services of Stripp, Capt. Feary keeping wicket.

At the fifth interval the Army had lost 2 wickets for 62. Livock was a notable absentee from the Navy team.

NAVY.—1ST INNINGS.

Lt. Cr. Jotham, b.w. Jacob	31
Mid. Evans, b. Walker	2
Mid. Stephenson, b. Jacob	3
Lt. Wauchope, b. Rowe	43
Lt. Nicholson, b. Gifford	6
Pay.-Lt. Cr. Hargreaves, b.w. Gifford	3
Col. Cantrell, b. Rowe	0
Lt. Cr. Bower, c. Hattersley	1
Smith, b. Rowe	1
Lt. Hayter, not out	14
Pay.-Lt. Hogg, b. Gifford	5
Capt. Lake, c. & b. Rowe	1
Extras	17
Total	126

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Walker	7	1	20	1
Jacob	10	1	31	2
Lt. Smith	4	0	15	0
Gifford	9	3	24	3
Rowe	7	3	19	4

ARMY.—1ST INNINGS.

Capt. Walker, c. Lake, b. Cantrell	9
Capt. Kent, not out	3
Capt. Carpenter, c. Jotham, b. Cantrell	3
Major Hattersley, Smith, not out	14
Extras	4
Total (for 2 wks.)	62

Lt. Allfree, Capt. Feary, Lt. Smith, Capt. Rowe, Bdr. Wood, Sgt. Gifford, Q.M.S. Jacob to bat.

NOT SO ROUGH.

WEATHER OUTSIDE ABATES.

Ships arriving in Hongkong this morning, from Singapore, are not quite so emphatic about the adverse weather, and it is presumed that the monsoon has moderated slightly.

Both the "Laisang" and the "Glentworth" left Singapore on December nine and got in here this morning, taking approximately eight days to do the trips—as against nine, and ten a week or so ago, by other steamers. The "Kitano Maru," on the other hand, left two days later and also arrived this morning.

Early this morning, the typhoon to the east of the Philippines, was stated to be in Lat. 12 N., Long. 127 E., which meant that it had moved two degrees due north since Monday. Its direction was then given as North but later in the day it was notified as "filling up."

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BROWNING. PROF. SMITH'S LECTURE. "A POET OF COURAGE."

Browning as the steadfast friend with a message suited to every need, this was the burden of an open lecture given in the Cathedral Hall yesterday by Prof. W. J. N. Smith, of the Hongkong University, in connection with the series which has been arranged by the C.E.M.S.

The Rev. T. B. Powell presided over a large attendance. Prof. Smith said there were few who had more than a hazy knowledge of the poetry of Robert Browning. He was a hard poet to interpret and many people were under the impression that he was the holder of a great secret if they could only find it. He was perhaps over interpreted, which was as bad as being misinterpreted. There were a whole host of interpreters who as literary critics at perhaps a shilling a line, unwrapped his poems in obscurity and assigned to them much which did not exist.

Browning might be abandoning the classical and latinised language and speaking in conversational English have led people to believe that he was voicing a message that they were unable to understand but they were looking for something other than he had said. The dictionaries of mystification and explanation which were published without number, and the outpourings of the so-called critics in the "London Mercury" were so much vapouring.

Another charge levelled against the poet was that he was unmusical, said the lecturer. Oscar Wilde had said cleverly, but none the less wrongheadedly, that while Shakespeare sang in a thousand voices, Browning stuttered through a thousand mouths. To relieve the poet of this slur the lecturer gave several delightful excerpts from his poems. Browning was not obscure but a master of language.

Browning's Message.

There was a message always to be found in Browning for each difficulty in life, and this was the opinion of Mr. Norman Gale, a great friend of the professor's, and he was certainly voicing an opinion which was neither hysterical nor artificial. There was strength and courage to be gleaned from the poet. None had more moral injunctions and metaphysical speculations in their writings, which were reduced by a host of critics to their own pettifoggish level. He spoke because what he said was his character and it was left to others to read his message.

With more excellent quotations, the lecturer gave a lengthy passage from "The Statue and the Bust" and referred to the poet's cadence, and the roughness and unsmoothness of his words in certain circumstances. He was the greatest dramatist since Shakespeare and also, nearly the worst writer of plays.

On the score of clumsy writing, which had in some places been ascribed to Browning, Professor Smith gave it as his opinion that this was due to the fact that the poet put into the mouths of his characters the words which they would naturally use, and so, in the "Grammarian's Funeral," there was a greater number of bad rhymes than in any poem of equal length in the English language, because the grammarian of the tale was thus shown to be a stickler for written syntax who had lost the art of correct and easy speech. The critics were lost in the abyss of their own obscurantism.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"One death from senile decay," is one of the items in the report of the incoming s.s. "Tai-yuan" from Melbourne.

Captain W. Brewer of the "Hydrangea" notified, on arrival here, this morning, that the "Fukki Maru" was still a fire yesterday, on the Swatow Bank. Her back was broken.

About eighty pedigree dogs are to arrive in Hongkong on December 21. Details are not available at present but it is surmised that they are mostly bound for Shanghai and Japan. They are coming up on a Japanese steamer from Australia. This will not be the first occasion on which dogs have been shipped up.

Ascribing the outcry in Japan against the American naval manoeuvres to discussion by those not sufficiently familiar with the facts, General Itami, Chief of the Intelligence Bureau of the General Staff, in an interview asserted that Japan officially is totally unconcerned over the manoeuvres, which are purely an American concern, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

For information leading to the arrest of the culprits responsible for the bomb attempt on General Hung Shiu-lun, at Kowloon City, on October 26, the Police are offering \$1,000 reward. General Hung is an anti-Sun leader and he was leaving his home in Kowloon when a bomb was thrown at him. Fortunately, it did not explode. In the early days of the Revolution he successfully contested extradition proceedings taken here against him by ex-Tuchun Lung Chi-kwang.

Shanghai school authorities and students are lodging a strong protest against the encampment of more than 1,000 of Gen. Chang Yuan-ming's troops in the Chinese Public Recreation Ground at West Gate. These men have been here since the recent Kiangsu-Chiang conflict, and now the Defence Commissioner is asked to withdraw them. Complaints have also been lodged with Gen. Chang against his troops for living in private residences, public guilds, temples and schools in the vicinity of Lungshu. Gen. Chang has ordered the men to get out and not molest the people in future, says the N.C. "Daily News".

Some 4,000 new soldiers, recruited for Gen. Sun Chuan-fang's army in Chekiang, passed through Shanghai on their way to Hangchow. About 1,500 others from Hankow are due in a few days.

Useful as well as attractive is the Christmas souvenir, that the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. are issuing this year, namely packets of playing cards backed with a design in colours showing some of the company's well-known products.

At a meeting of paper importers at the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce a Paper Importers' Association was launched in Shanghai. Mr. W. von Normann was elected President, Mr. A. Eveleigh Vice-President and Mr. A. Bye secretary.

According to a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Tokyo, the latest official list of the casualties resulting from the sinking of the "Kwantu Maru" gives 114 survivors; the number of bodies recovered, 10; total dead, 54; and the missing, 42. There was a greater number on board the vessel than was at first reported. A naval enquiry is to be opened.

A Chinese press report is to the effect that Mr. Han Kuo-chun, Civil Governor of Kiangsu, will be appointed concurrent Military Governor, with either Gen. Chen Tiao-yuan or Gen. Kung Pang-doh as associate Tupan. Should Marshal Chi not hand over office within seven days, the Fengtien troops will be brought south against him.

There was a further sale of griffins, discards and others, at the Horse Bazaar, Shanghai, on December 10. A number of griffins, whose reserves at the previous sale were judged to be prohibitive, were disposed of at considerably reduced prices. The feature of the auction was the sale of Symphonies, for whom there was spirited bidding from various quarters. Starting at Tls. 1,500, offers rapidly went up to Tls. 2,800 and at this price the pony was knocked down to Mr. Dallas. A good-looking chestnut griffin, with a good report on its 14 mile trial gallop, was sold for Tls. 2,000, Mr. Allan being the purchaser.

"Protectors of the Merchants and Residents." Thus runs the inscription in Chinese on a tablet presented to Col. W. F. L. Gordon, Commandant of the S.V.C., by the Chinese Ratepayers' Association on behalf of the Shanghai Chinese community as a token of their appreciation of the splendid services of the Volunteers during the recent provincial war crisis.

Mr. Wen Shih-tsen, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, left Shanghai for Nanking on December 11, to discuss important matters with Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan, Tuchun of Kiangsu. This is interesting in view of the determined efforts now being made in Peking to oust Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan, a mandate for whose dismissal was issued yesterday. Local Chinese political circles anticipate sensational developments in the Yangtze political arena during the week-end.

A number of prominent Chinese leaders, including Mrs. Hsueh Hsi-ling (a famous scholar and reformer and wife of a former Premier), Mrs. George Chien Hsu (President of the Ladies' College of Law and Politics, the wife of a former Minister of Justice), Mrs. Tang Shao-yi (wife of a former Premier) and Mrs. Lo Chang (wife of the Chinese Consul-General in Canada, and daughter of Dr. Kang Yu-wei, the well-known monarchical advocate and reformer) have formed a new organization known as the National Women's League, the aim of which is to further the interests and welfare of Chinese womenfolk.

The "Intransigent" recounts (according to Reuter) that an Englishman attached to the League of Nations recently set himself to compose thumbnail sketches of the nations of the world. Among his lightning definitions were the following:—

One Englishman is a fool; two Englishmen are a match; three Englishmen are a great nation.

One German is a pedant; two Germans make a brewery; three Germans make war.

One American is a millionaire; two Americans are two drunkards; three Americans are prohibition.

One Frenchman is a gossip; two Frenchmen are a conference; three Frenchmen mean a good dinner, and all that a good dinner leads to.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. N. G. de Ma, the Italian Ambassador in Tokyo, who left Yokohama for Rome on a six months' furlough by the "President McKinley," is quoted by the "Hochi" as saying that he hoped to induce d'Annunzio, the noted poet and patriot, to go to Japan next year.

The funeral of the late Mr. E. T. Arnold, whose death was reported yesterday, took place at Happy Valley in the afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay conducting the grave-side service. Those present included Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Everest, a number of deceased's colleagues and others.

Eng.-Capt. E. G. Pallot, who is now undergoing a senior course of engineering, and is attached to the "Victory," will be transferred to the "Tamar" for duty as chief engineer at Hongkong Dockyard as from December 14. He served recently as chief engineer at Pembroke, and proved himself possessed of excellent initiative. His general aim was to introduce changes which would be conducive to economy, and in this he was successful.

Lieut.-Commander R. D. King-Harman, a member of a well-known Irish family, has been appointed to the light cruiser "Carlisle," China Station and will join her from the "Weymouth," which left Southampton last month for Hongkong, with a new crew for the light cruiser "Despatch." Lieutenant A. R. Farquhar will return home by the "Weymouth" and Lieut. O. O. Wrey, O.B.E., will join the "Despatch," temporarily, on her recommissioning.

The vacant majority in the East Surrey Regiment—the 1st Battalion of which is at Hongkong—has been filled by the advancement of Captain Frederick A. Bowring, lately adjutant of the 8th Battalion at Surbiton. Major Bowring has served in the regiment since 1906, was adjutant of the 1st Battalion in the early days of the late war, in the course of which he was severely wounded (1914 star with clasp, British War Medal and the Victory Medal, mentioned in despatches).

His Grace the Archbishop of Gou is at present staying at the Spanish Mission in Hongkong, being due to leave for India tomorrow. He hopes to spend Christmas in Singapore. The Bishop of Macao is also on a brief visit to the Colony.

Two former residents of Shanghai have been returned to Parliament in the Conservative interest in the recent election. They are Mr. Cecil Hanbury, formerly connected with Messrs. Probst, Hanbury & Co., and Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon. The last-named was also resident in Hongkong for some years.

The "Siam Observer" is anxious that Sir Malcolm Watson should be engaged by the Siamese Government to visit Bangkok and advise on anti-malarial work there, saying that "the time cannot be so very far off when Bangkok will be just as notorious for malaria as is any town or village in the F.M.S."

The latest titbit from the Chinese press regarding the "Christian" General is that Marshal Tuan Chi-jui has instructed Dr. C. T. Wang to visit Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang at the Western Hills near Peking, to urge him to withdraw his letter of resignation and to come out of retirement. Tuan promises Feng a high military post in Anhui.

Governor General Wood has decided to recommend to President Coolidge the appointment of Associate Justice E. Finley Johnson as Chief Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court vice the late Manuel Araullo. The recommendation is made with no intention of breaking the precedent of having a Filipino as Chief Justice, but out of appreciation of Justice Johnson's 24 years of excellent service. Justice Johnson's retirement is expected shortly after the appointment, if President Coolidge acts favourably on the recommendation, which will leave the way clear for the permanent appointment of a Filipino to the post.

Mr. Gion Murakami has been appointed Japanese Consul-General at Hongkong.

Mr. Reece H. Barkalow, the new Third Secretary of the U. S. Legation, and Mrs. Barkalow, have left Shanghai for Peking via Tientsin.

Mr. W. Armstrong, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Shanghai Municipal Police, is expected to return from Home leave by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer due on January 2.

Mr. Tsunepo Matsudaira, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and for some time in charge of the Tokyo Bureau of European and American Affairs, has been appointed Japanese Ambassador to Washington.

Miss Doris Woods, the well-known teacher of dancing, arrived by the s.s. "Glentara" this morning. Miss Woods made a prolonged stay in London, where she studied all the latest forms of dancing under the most famous teachers in the capital.

Commander W. F. Simonpetri, U.S.N., has arrived in Shanghai to assume charge of the U.S. Navy Purchasing Office, relieving Commander H. W. Browning, who shortly will return to the United States via Europe. Commander and Mrs. Simonpetri are staying at the Palace Hotel.

Among the diplomatic appointments mentioned in a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Tokyo, are Mr. Socho Yamasaki, Vice-Consul at Sydney; Mr. Toshihiko Taketomi, Consul-General at San Francisco; Mr. Shintaro Kawashima, Consul-General at Hamburg, and Mr. Shiro Hanaka, Councillor to the Japanese Embassy at Rome.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian" General, is stated by a Chinese newspaper to be living in the Western Hills, Peking, in seclusion, and wearing the habit of a Buddhist monk. This sounds like the typical petty falsifications of the Chinese press when it seeks to discredit some political leader. But if it really were true! It would be a pathetic anti-climax after all that has been said and written about him by his missionary admirers, remarks the N.C. "Daily News".

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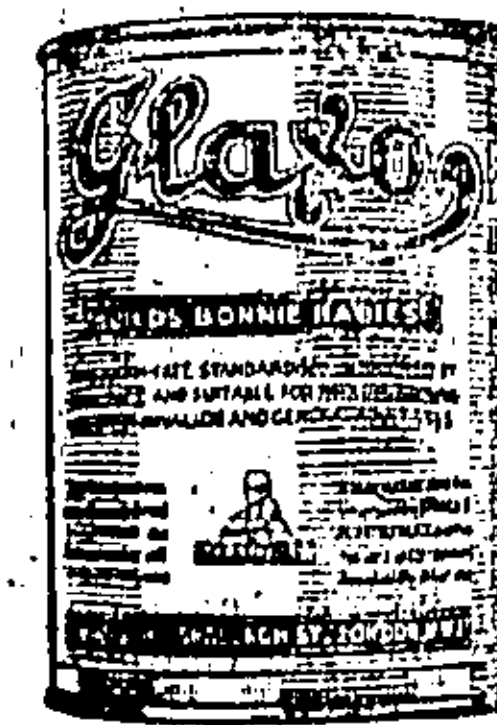
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KALGAN LOOTED.

MUCH FOREIGN PROPERTY DAMAGED.

NIGHT OF TERROR.

(Reuter's Service.)

PEKING, December 16. Chang Hsi-yuan's Fourth Mixed Brigade looted yesterday. They looted Kalgan all night but stopped this morning.

Legation telegrams this evening state that no foreign lives were lost, but much damage was done to Chinese and foreign property.

Chang Hsi-yuan, Tutor of Chahar, who was recently informed that he will be superseded shortly, reached Peking yesterday, and the troops left at Kalgan apparently did not know what to expect.

Latest reports say that all is quiet. There are indications that the looters controlled the telegraph office until their work was completed.

[Kalgan is the Russian corruption of the Mongolian name Halga meaning "the gate," the town being entered from the North by a gate through which the Mongols pass the Great Wall. The Chinese term it the Chang-kia-kou, meaning "pass of the Chang" family. Kalgan is a town in the province of Pechili, China, 110 miles North-West of Peking and near the Great Wall of China, on the route from Peking to Kalgan, situated in a gorge affording little land suitable for building safe from flood. Hence it is small in proportion to its population. It is divided by a river into a Mongolian and Chinese town, both of which are fortified. The town is an important depot of the overland trade between China and Russia. The altitude is 2555 feet. The population, including soldiers, is about 75,000.]

Post Office Loss.

(Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

LATER.

Trains from Kalgan, to day were stopped some distance on this side of Kalgan.

Before the Legations received any news the Postal Administration received a telegram stating that cash and stamps to a large amount had been taken from three post offices in Kalgan, but not giving the circumstances, the sender, perhaps, thinking that the news of the looting would be known in advance.

The Ministry of Communications at first thought that the looting had been done by Ma Fu-hsiang's troops who were returning from Jehol, but there is reason to believe that they passed through Kalgan several days ago. In any case, Chang Hsi-yuan's troops could have prevented Ma Fu-hsiang's men from looting.

Later information says that one battalion of Chang Hsi-yuan's Fourth Mixed Brigade started the looting.

The absence of foreign telegrams until late this evening is taken to indicate that the looters controlled the telegraph office until their work was completed.

WORLD THEATRE.

BIG BOXING SHOW.

The management of the World Theatre announces the biggest boxing show ever seen here in nine full reels of thrills, suspense and excitement for four days' run commencing to-day.

The Show comprises Dempsey vs. Gibbons, 15 rounds and Firpo vs. Wills, 12 rounds. So great was the interest and enthusiasm aroused that when Harry Wills and Luis Firpo fought a sensational twelve round bout at Jersey on September 12, 1924, thousands of people were turned away from Boyle's famous thirty acres stadium. When James A. Johnson announced that Dempsey was fighting Gibbons in Shelby, nobody believed it until "Doc" Kearns, Dempsey's manager and Eddie Kene, Gibbons' manager confirmed the news. The public thought it was impossible to raise enough money to pay the World's Champion, and no one would risk the purse for it. The bout was held in the open-air and under the summer sun. The success was due to the contestants and courage of the promoter, Johnson, and his assistants.

MAKING MISCHIEF.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAIKAI, KO'GYOON, Dec. 16. A strong anti-Christian movement is on foot at San Wui. Speeches have been delivered in the schools, against Christianity and those interested are doing all they can to extend the antagonism. San Wui is the most important of the four Sz. Yap districts and is the home of many emigrants to America. There is at least one mission and a hospital at Paikai, the port of Kowloon, which is San Wui's most important town. It is believed that there are also minor mission establishments, such as schools, etc., further up country, e.g., at San Wui city, the capital of the district.

SINGAPORE BASE.

HOLLAND INTERESTED BUT NOT AFFECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16. Holland is most interestedly watching the resumption of the Singapore dock scheme, but a Dutch authority emphatically denies, says the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," that the Dutch schemes for the defence of the Dutch Indies will be affected thereby. He states that the Dutch Government does not intend to enter into conversations with the British Government, and the question of the defence of her neutrality is stated to be the only object that the Dutch policy can pursue.

SOVIET PROTEST.

TROUBLE OVER BRASS PLATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, December 16. M. Tchitcherin has strongly protested to the United States against the "lawless acts" of American officials, following the discovery on the Tchukotka Peninsula of a brass plate fixed to a rock by a party from an American cruiser, inscribed, threatening Soviet citizens not to interfere therewith. M. Tchitcherin warns that a repetition of such violation of Soviet rights will be sternly repressed.

MOROCCO.

SITUATION SAID TO BE SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16. The sudden drastic tightening of the Spanish censorship is a symptom of the seriousness of the situation in Morocco, following the reported rising of the Anzara tribes between Tetuan and Tangier, which has been disturbing the French diplomatics, who, while remaining confident of the ability of the French troops to defend the Tangier zone from possible attack, are apprehensive of international entanglements, owing to the dissatisfaction expressed by several countries, especially Italy, with the recent Tangier convention.

The comment of the Paris newspapers carries a most anxious tone. They declare that Paris is in constant contact with Madrid and precautions should be taken to prevent the incursion of Abdul Krim's ruffian forces into Tangier.

Several journals state the opinion that Britain is likely to side with Italy but "L'Homme Libre" urges the importance of joint Anglo-French action on account of the re-action of the affair upon Islam.

CHINA INDEMNITY.

FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16. In connection with the action of the Foreign Office in removing Messrs. Lowes Dickinson and Bertrand Russell from the prospective Advisory Committee on the expenditure of the China indemnity, the "Manchester Guardian's" London correspondent understands that the Government is inclined to favour the expenditure of the indemnity on some kind of technical education, on the railway in the Yangtze region, and missionary work.

The Government has introduced a Bill to this effect, which is a modification of the late Government's Bill stating more vaguely the purposes to which the money is to be devoted; but the Bill is not yet printed and the Government has time to change its mind before it approaches the second reading.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tis.

Longkats 21 50 Buyers.
Ewos 12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 108 Buyers.
New Engineering 7 70 Buyers.
Orientals 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 58 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

JAPANESE PRINTS.

KOMOR AND KOMOR'S FINE DISPLAY.

The old Masters of Japan made their name all over the world and we have no artist of name who did not acknowledge the benefit derived from teachings of old Japanese Masters. Whistler said that he owes thanks to Japan for his art, and when we look at the prints at Messrs. Komor and Komor we can understand it.

There are about 1,500 pictures some costing 50 cents only but there is a "sharaku" costing 3000 dollars. There are a few "sharaku" only in existence and all are in Museums or private collections. A print by "Uta Maru" marked 1,250 dollars is a joy to look at; the drawing and colouring is superb and the picture over 100 years old, is in perfect condition. A "China Mail" representative paid a visit to Messrs. Komor and Komor, and enjoyed the wonderful display of old carvings; also the gold lacquer specimens. The collection will be open up till December 25 only from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Messrs. Komor and Komor's Art Store Alexandra Buildings.

SANITARY BOARD.

CHOICE OF DR. MACGOWAN WELCOMED.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr. D. W. Trevelyan), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy presided, and the members present were Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. MacGowan, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. C. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Secretary) and Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

A letter from the Government relative to the election of Dr. J. C. MacGowan as a member of the Board was read by the Chairman, and he welcomed the new member on behalf of the Board.

Dealing with a letter from the Government relative to the constitution and powers of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman said the matter was brought up by Dr. Ombro, who had engaged to be a member of the Board. With the approval of the meeting and in the absence of the Chairman, he proposed that the matter be left over. The Board agreed.

Another item was the proposed alterations in the arrangement of stalls in Bowring Street (Kun Chung) Market whereby a number of vegetable stalls would be done away with and more room provided for meat stalls. The Chairman said he had gone carefully into the matter and recommended the alterations, being carried out. The Board agreed to the proposals.

ORDER TO QUIT.

GENERAL RESENTS TRESPASS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAIKAI, KONGMOON, Dec. 16. Resenting any attempt to trespass on his preserves and openly following his policy of being the autocrat of the Sz. Yap districts—described in Mah Jongg parlance as the "Ching Yat Sik," or he vy-scoring, method of administration—General Leung Hung-kai has issued an ultimatum to a small batch of soldiers at Sunning, to vacate the place in three days.

These belong to Lam She-nai's banner and have just returned, much the worse for wear and tear, after a disheartening campaign against the anti-Sin troops at the Youngkong borders further south. Natives fear that fighting, although on a restricted scale, may break out with its attendant evils.

FAMOUS BARITONE.

COMING TO STAR NEXT WEEK.

Coming to the Colony next week is a famous Italian Baritone, Signor Giulio Rocchi, who will give a concert in the Star Theatre on Monday night, December 22, assisted by Mr. Harry Orr at the piano. Booking is now open at Messrs. Mourie's at popular prices. Signor Rocchi is a student of Cologno. He is creator of the leading baritone roles in Meyerbeer's "L'Africain," Verdi's "Otello," and other famous operas. Music lovers are therefore assured a special treat.

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Constance Talmadge's latest First National attraction "Polly of the Pollies," which is shown at the Queen's Theatre at 5.15 p.m., is said to be the brightest and liveliest comedy drama the young star has contributed to the screen.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "President Jefferson" on Dec. 17.—Mr. Lei, Miss May Sorensen, Mrs. Cumins, Master Cumins, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Suckling, Miss C. L. de Criv, Miss M. E. Brooks, Mr. S. Otsuki, Mr. W. E. Ward, Mr. L. Ashcroft, Miss B. Guterz, Mr. E. L. McCusky, Mr. W. J. Sloan, Mr. R. G. Sloan, Mrs. A. C. Davis, Miss E. Davis, Miss D. D. Davis, Mr. E. T. Brennan, Mr. G. T. Guillard, Mr. E. Elph, Mr. Nieuwenhuys, Mr. E. B. Baldwin, Mr. S. K. Chiu, Rev. C. B. Shann, Mr. H. H. Briser, Miss B. Cohen, Miss C. Tully, Miss B. Tully, Miss M. E. Tully, Mr. Y. H. Li, Mr. Fan Wah Shan, Mr. I. Hanger, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. Yoshida, Mr. Chow Ching Chuen, Mr. A. Tutundian, Mr. M. Tutundian, Mr. J. H. Weeks, Mrs. J. W. Weeks, Master E. Weeks, Mr. T. Choy, Mr. Lau Ngai Fu, Mr. K. S. Wong, Mr. Wong Shing, Mr. Chin Wong Kay, Mr. Chin Hong, Mr. Joe Sang, Mr. Chan Jim Sang, Mr. Gong Yik Dong, Mr. Ng Jai Yee, Mr. Chau Run, Mr. Sui Git Mun.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Tientsin, (Br.) B & S. from Canton.
Kueichow, (Br.) B & S. from Tientsin, Wei-hai-wei.
Taiyuan, (Br.) B & S. from Melbourne.
Hai Ning, (Br.) Douglas from Swatow.
Hydrangei, (Br.) Chiu On, from Swatow.
Lai Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Calcutta, Singapore.
Glenara, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from London, Singapore.
Man Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Sandakan.
Tijpanas, (Dut.) J. C. J. L., from Shanghai.
Gyo Maru, (Jap.) Mitsui, from Mike, Kurun.
Amakusa Maru, (Jap.) M.B.K., Keelung, Swatow.
Kotsu Maru, (Jap.) O.S.K., from Takao, Swatow.
Kitano Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., from Middlesbrough, Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

Pres. Jefferson, (Amer.) A. O. Lio, for Seattle, via Manila.
Heian Maru, (Jap.) Grimbie, for Taihai Bay.
Kwangsang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Shanghai, Swatow.
Kueichow, (Br.) B & S, for Bangkok, Swatow.
Linao, (Br.) B & S, for Shanghai.
Kaga Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K., for Seattle, Shanghai.
Fushimi Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., for London, Singapore.
Hai Nam (Port) Kwong O, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Tango Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., for Sydney, Manila.
Tjikembang, (Dut.) J.C.J.L., for Batavia.
Tijpanas, (Dut.) J.C.J.L., for Batavia, Muntak.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The R. I. s.s. "Tablita" left Kobe for Amoy for this port on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about 11 a.m.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Mitsuki Maru" (Bulwag Low) left Bancea for Hongkong on Singapore on Dec. 4 and is expected here on Dec. 21.
The H. P. s.s. "Trullus" left Liverpool on Nov. 15 for Straits, Hongkong, and Shanghai and is due here on or about Dec. 21.
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pew. Monroe" is due to arrive at this port from "Bangkok" at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21. She will call for Malacca, Penang, Borneo, New York and Hawaii at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22 and not at 6 p.m. as originally scheduled.
The O.I.S. s.s. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 13 and left Yokohama on Dec. 13 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 14 and is due here on Dec. 14.
The B. P. s.s. "Barclay" is to Liverpool via Hongkong on Dec. 15 and is expected here on Dec. 15.
The C.N.S. s.s. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong, Singapore, and Shanghai on Dec. 5 and is due here on Dec. 16.
The "H. P. s.s. "Trullus" which is due at this port on Dec. 22, will leave on Nov. 22 on schedule.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Haruna Maru" (Kaga Maru) left London for Hongkong via Singapore on Nov. 23 and is expected here on Dec. 23.
The H. P. s.s. "Trullus" which is due at this port on Jan. 8, will leave New York on Dec. 12 on schedule.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, 23th November, 1924.

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After Two Years.



ASANA SOGHAMLIAN

After knocking at America's door for two years, six months of which she was held on Ellis Island, Asana Soghamlian, an Armenian refugee, has been admitted as a "refugee from religious persecution" and will make her home with a brother. She was held prisoner four years in a Turkish harem, after being orphaned in a Turkish massacre.



CHIA CHEN WHANG

Miss Chia Chen-whang, a native of Peking, declares the silver tongue of the Western girl is more pleasing to her than the golden silence of the girls of China. After her four years' study abroad, she is returning to China to teach mathematics.



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After an announced engagement of less than twenty-four hours, Mrs. Esther Kerrigan has been married at the home of her mother, Mrs. Horatio Nelson Slater, Fifth avenue, New York City, to Joseph Kerrigan, University of Illinois graduate and former assistant to Ambassador Francis at St. Petersburg.

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Lady Louisa Russell suggested that Mr. Stanley Baldwin might offer a Cabinet portfolio to Lady Nancy Astor. Friends of the Duchess of Atholl were urging her for a portfolio.

MEN & WOMEN IN THE NEWS.



Above: JACK DEMPSEY & ESTELLE TAYLOR. Below: PEARL WHITE & LIEUT. OSBORNE WOOD.

The on again, off again engagement of Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, and Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, is said to be off for good. It is reported they get on each other's nerves and decided marriage bliss wasn't for them. Lieutenant Osborne Wood, son of Governor-General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, who cleaned up a fortune in Wall Street before he resigned from his father's army staff, is reported to have lost heavily at roulette and faro in Paris as has Pearl White, motion picture actress.

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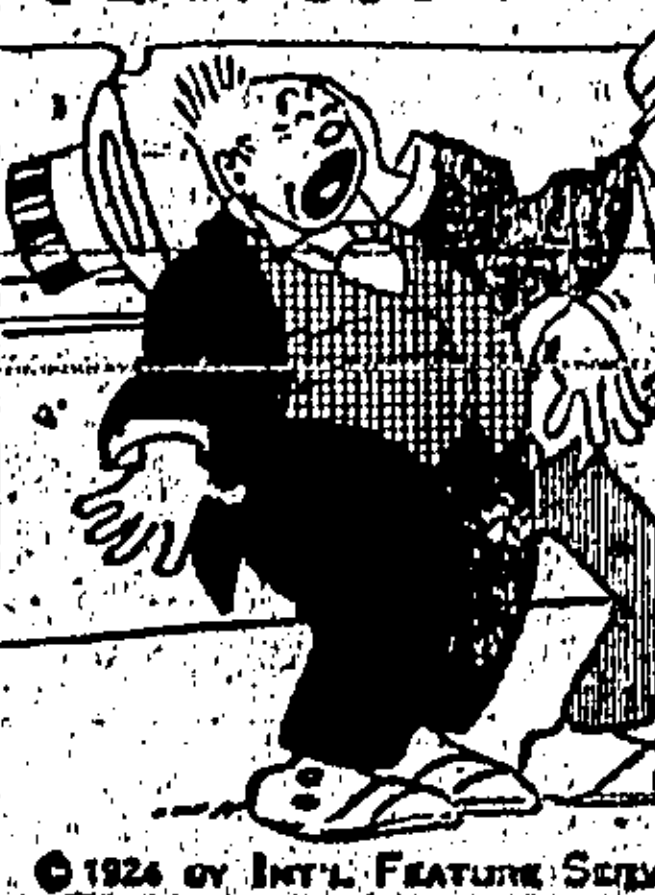


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WORLD OF SPORT.**RULES OF RUGBY.**

WHAT THE ALL BLACKS
WANT.

The New Zealand Rugby "foot-balls" who are over in this country are not only concerned with playing football, writes Mercian in the "Athletic News," but they are also deeply interested in the rules that govern the game. If the Imperial conference which is to be held in London on December 12 agree to certain proposals, there will be almost as much rejoicing overseas as there will be if the side goes through undefeated.

Mainly, these proposals deal with the rules of the game, and although such matters may not exactly thrill our players, the majority of whom never pass an examination on the rules of the game they play, the New Zealanders take such an interest in them that they have sent Mr. S. C. Wilson, over with the team to attend the conference with Mr. S. Down, the manager of the tourists.

Now, these two gentlemen have caused to be put down on the agenda paper for the conference enough suggested alterations to the rules to keep the members busily engaged for a good many hours. Some of them have a livelier interest than others, but all are interesting.

The definition of a tackle, for instance, has been the subject of controversy for a long time, and anyone who travels the country knows that there are different interpretations in different districts.

WHAT IS A TACKLE? According to the R.F.U. by-laws, a tackle is when the holder of the ball is held by one or more players of the opposite side so that he cannot at any moment while he is so held pass or play it.

In their "Notes for Referees," issued by the London Society of Referees,

"if a player is brought down, or collared by the legs and ankles and falls with his arms clear, he may pass the ball, even though it has touched the ground, or put it over the goal line and score a try, if brought down just outside.

The New Zealanders suggest that the definition of a tackle should be amended to read: "A tackle is when the holder of the ball is held by one or more of the opposing side; when so held the holder of the ball must immediately part with it."

This amendment is really aimed to do away with the mauling that takes place at a line out, when, as is so often the case, a man gets possession and, by dint of much struggling, forces his way through a mass of opponents.

As Mr. Wilson told me, their idea is that when a man is tackled anyone should be allowed to play

the ball, and he cannot understand why it should be compulsory to play the ball with the foot.

As Mr. Wilson says, it is possible that these gentlemen, whom he understands are engaged in the not very arduous task of re-writing the rules of the game which have not been re-drafted for about thirty years, will effect a considerable improvement and make it easier for the "man in the street" to understand the meaning of some of the rulings.

The New Zealanders, too, are keen on doing away with all appeals "and the decisions to be left to the referee." These refer to cases of wilfully holding, passing or kicking over the goal-line and making the ball dead, and to cases of deliberate throwing the ball into touch.

Silence on the field, except, of course, on the part of the referee, is the tourists' motto.

Concerning offside, the present rule—places-an-offside-player on-side—when the ball has been kicked by or has touched an opponent. The New Zealanders want that amended to read: "when the ball has been kicked or handled by an opponent."

Perhaps the proposal which will lead to the most discussion is that which concerns scoring values. "The All Blacks" want:

A try to equal four points.
A goal from a try six points.
A dropped goal, three points; and
Any other goal, three points.

In the case of a converted try, the try shall not count.

Some idea of the need for revision of the rules can be gathered from the "Introduction" which appears in the Rugby Union handbook, where it is stated that "the object of the game shall be to kick the ball over the cross-bar and between the posts."

DRIPPED GOAL COMPROMISE. The object of the New Zealanders is to increase the value of a try, so that teams will go out more for scoring tries. In Mr. Wilson's words: "To score a try calls for more brains, more pluck, more of all the best attributes of the game, and a try should, therefore, be properly rewarded."

On the subject of scoring values the tourists urge that the value of a goal from a mark should be less than the value of a try, and I think there will be general agreement that while some dropped goals are worth as much as some tries a fortuitous mark made somewhere near the posts seldom has the value of a try.

Incidentally, when the conference comes to the question of discussing scoring values might I suggest that they pay some little heed to the proposal that one way out of the dropped goal difficulty might be sought in a compromise? We

CRICKET.

C.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The following will represent the C.S.C.C. 1st XI, on their own ground on Saturday, against the H.K.C.C. in a friendly match.

C.S.C.C.—E. W. Hamilton (Captain), A. E. Wood, E. B. Reed, F. H. Holdman, B. D. Evans, H. G. Wallington, F. Baker, F. Lawrence, E. C. Fincher, A. R. Sutherland, F. J. Ling.

Reserve:—T. D. E. Pendered.

2nd XI v. C.C.C.

On the Craggengower ground, the C.S.C.C. 2nd team will be: C.S.C.C.—J. H. B. Nichol, (Captain), F. Harper, W. H. Edmondson, C. Alexander, F. L. Squibbs, S. B. Spillett, W. Cullip, H. Strange, C. Sara, A. W. Grimmit, R. Smith.

Reserve:—H. Westlake.

H.K.V.D.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the H.K.V.D.C. against the University on Saturday. Bus leaves H.K.C.C. Pavilion at 1.45 p.m. sharp:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. Owen-Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. W. Ramsay, G. R. More, E. F. Stewart, H. E. Hollands, L. P. Ralph, D. E. G. Nicholson, J. A. H. Plummer and W. J. Hope.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

M.C.C. PLAY ANOTHER

DRAWN GAME.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, December 16.

In fine, cool weather, on an easy

wicket, the M.C.C. team scored

319 for 5 wickets and declared.

Hobbs made 114, Sutcliffe 68,

and Hendren 54.

The Australian Juniors had

scored 93 for 7 when stumps

were drawn and the match left

drawn.

There was no play, yesterday

on account of the rain.

have all seen some wonderfully fine

dropped goals that have been worth

four points every time, while we

have also seen a lot of games lost

when one side has scored a brilliant

try and been unable to convert it

and the other side has dropped a

goal somewhere near the posts.

My idea would be to indicate an

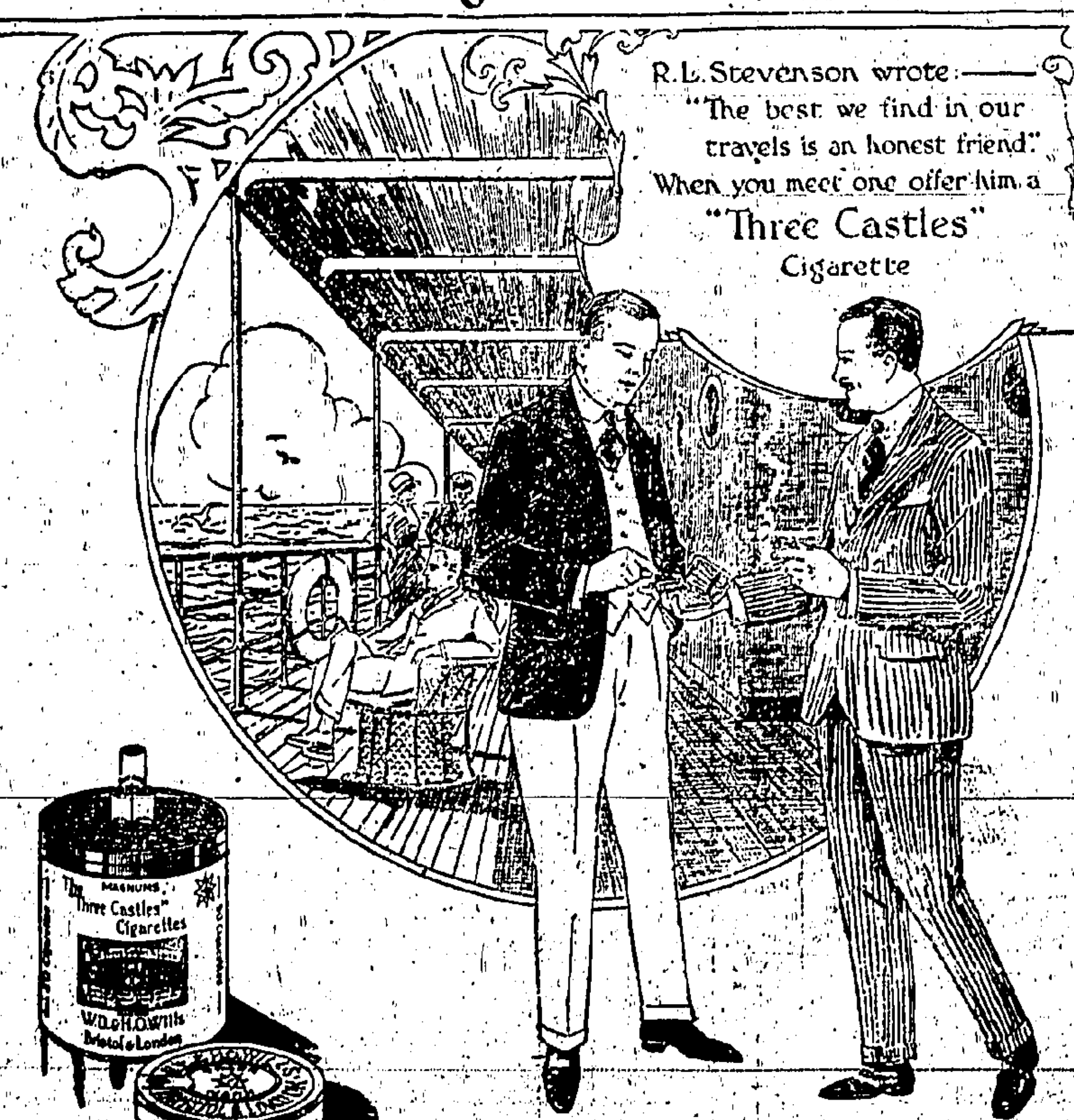
area inside which a dropped goal

would not be worth more than three

points, while a dropped goal from

outside would be given an additional

point.

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 17d. 11h. 13m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon filling up in Lat. 12° N. Long. 127° E. position uncertain.

December 17d. 11h. 23m.—Pressure has decreased moderately at Chefoo and slightly at Shanghai. It has increased considerably over central Japan and is nearly stationary at the majority of other stations.

The depression or typhoon to the east of the Visayas appears to be filling up.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.49 inches, against an average of 82.64 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 18, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooks, N.E. winds, strong.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 17, 1924.—a.m.

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